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SUBJECT: REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE OF LORENZO VINAS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT LORENZO VINAS, SON OF PROMINENT ARGENTINE WRITER DAVID VINAS, DISAPPEARED IN EARLY JULY WHILE CROSSING INTO ARGENTINA FROM BRAZIL. US ACADEMICS WHO KNOW VINAS' FATHER HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS CASE, AS HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS NGO'S.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON LORENZO VINAS. HIS FATHER IS LIVING OUTSIDE OF MADRID, AND HIS BROTHER, ISMAEL, IS IN ISRAEL. BOTH ARE REPORTEDLY IN EXILE. PROFESSOR JEAN FRANCO OF STANFORD GAVE US THE PHONE NUMBER OF BEBA VINAS, DAVID'S EX-WIFE, WHO IS ALSO IN MADRID AND IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH HER

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FORMER HUSBAND.

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3. REQUEST EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES ON BEHALF OF LORENZO VINAS.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY MADRID CONTACT BEBA VINAS AT 467-6064 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SON. AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE HELPFUL: HIS FULL NAME, ARGENTINE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, ADDRESS, ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON HIS DISAPPEARANCE (INCLUDING EXACT DATE AND PLACE, IF POSSIBLE), AND THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE OF A FRIEND OR LAWYER IN ARGENTINA FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL. PLEASE SEND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED TO EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES AND TO DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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